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## Seven-Year-Old Girl Needs Surgery Following Dog Attack

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**OSCEOLA COUNTY, Fla.** -- A 7-year-old Osceola County girl is facing surgery after she was bitten in the face by a neighbor's dog. The girl had apparently wandered out of her mother's sight.

The dog is being held at Animal Control during the investigation, while the girl he bit is at Arnold Palmer Hospital, where she will most likely require plastic surgery.

Gladys Thayer was inside her house when her 7-year-old daughter wandered over to her neighbor's garage. Inside, on a leash, was Ecco, a chow mix. The girl went to pet Ecco as she had done in the past and, according to Animal Control, the dog jumped up and bit her in the face.

Now the 7-year-old, whose mother said loves animals, will have to get plastic surgery. Animal Control expects to see more of these bites now that school is out for the summer.

The dog's owner, Abdarrahim Sayarh, didn't want to talk on camera, but said he regrets what happened and has apologized to the girl's mother.

Now what will happen next is up to Animal Control, who will spend the next few days determining the fate of Ecco.

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